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WhatsApp Groups are all the rage at the moment. Personally, I am in over 20 groups with an average member count of 120, it can be pretty crazy sometimes.

If you are someone that runs a WhatsApp Group, it can be both time consuming and stressful. To help you manage this, below you will find 21 rules to help guide you which

should save you a lot of time and stress later down the line.

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1. Always keep to the purpose of the group, don't share irrelevant messages about other topics.
2. Don't spam the group. If you would like a group to share memes, adverts or deals with then set one up for that exact purpose and invite others to join.
3. Don't be offended if others leave.
4. Do politely excuse yourself before you leave a group.
5. Post your message in one single chunk of text, don't post every word or sentence in a new message.
6. If you're lurking in a group chat and 'seeing' every message, occasionally respond with *something* to remove the stalker vibe that inevitably develops.
7. Don't create huge groups.
8. Don't create groups with minors who don't know each other – no parent wants their kids talking to strangers.
9. Try not to have long one-on-one conversations in the group. Switch to private messages.
10. Do not post in any group between 21:00 and 07:00 unless it is an emergency. By emergency, we mean the "fire, floods, and broken bones" type of emergency, not the "I needed a scone recipe at 2 am because I had the munchies" type of emergency.
11. If a message asks for a positive response like an RSVP, don't reply in the negative. Only say if you are able to attend. Don't double RSVP if a second call to action is sent out for the same event.
12. If someone asks a question and you don't know the answer don't respond with "I don't know". Just wait for someone who knows the answer to reply.
13. Please don't send in a hundred "thank you" messages. If you feel gratitude towards someone – tell them in a private message.

14. If someone asks a question of a personal nature (like asking for advice) don't respond if someone else has already answered, or else respond to the person directly in a private message.
15. The group is not a political platform (unless you have specifically set it up for this purpose) No arguing, no heated opinions, no fear-mongering, no hyped-up drama, no fake news. Check your sources before you share.
16. Never EVER use a group to berate someone else or air grievances. If you have an issue address it one on one with the relevant person.
17. Don't add random people to a close-knit group.
18. Always ask someone if you may add them before you add them.
19. Don't send data-insensitive messages. No-one wants their last 3GB used up on uninvited memes.
20. When the group has served its purpose (the hike is over) delete it.
21. Hit "Mute" on your WhatsApp group (unless you're part of an emergency rescue group). This is a sanity saver. You will still receive all the messages, but your phone won't buzz or make a noise for every one of them.

If you are not sure, ask yourself **these three questions** before you post:

Is this relevant?

Is this necessary?

Is this a good time to post?